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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 267, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to animal identification.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 267, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 267.165, to read as follows:

267.165. 1. The department of agriculture shall not participate in the National Animal Identification System administered by the United States Department of Agriculture absent specific statutory authorization by the general assembly for such participation.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection 1 of this section, nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the department of agriculture from participating in any Missouri voluntary or private animal identification program that verifies the health of Missouri livestock required for interstate export, marketing, and livestock movement.

3. Any Missouri voluntary animal identification program administered by the department of agriculture shall be subject to the following conditions:

(1) The department shall provide participants all relevant program information;

(2) Program participants shall be permitted to withdraw from the program at any time and have their information expunged upon request;

(3) The department of agriculture shall not require participation in a Missouri specific source verification program for cattle or for any other species of livestock.

22 4. Failure to participate in an animal identification program or
23 the providing of services to persons who are not participants in an
24 animal identification program shall not be deemed a crime, nor
25 evidence of any negligence or gross negligence on the part of any
26 livestock owner or provider of goods and services.

27 5. Any entity or organization, including the department of
28 agriculture, that receives state funds for the purpose of conducting a
29 state-sponsored activity shall not require premises identification or
30 property identification in order to participate in such activity.

31 6. In any of its regulations, policies, publications, or
32 correspondence, the department of agriculture shall refer to "premises
33 identification" as "property identification".

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